

 ~~R² is an alkyl group having not more than 4 carbon atoms;
R³ is an alkyl group having not more than 6 carbon atoms,
P is an integer of 1 to 3,
q is an integer of 1 to 10,
M is a trivalent or tetravalent metal ion, and
r is an integer of 3 or 4 corresponding to the valence of M,
provided that, when one of the compounds contains two or more R¹s, R²s or R³s, they
may be the same or different;
an organic pigment;
a dispersant; and
a solvent.--~~

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 can be found in Claim 4. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Nolan for the courteous and helpful discussion of the present application held on October 22, 2002.

The rejection of Claims 1, 5, 6, 22, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Hanson et al is obviated by the amendment above. As indicated by the Office at page 5, lines 12-13, of the Office Action, Hanson et al fails to disclose or suggest a composition containing a dispersant.